

# THE HERITAGE TRAIL

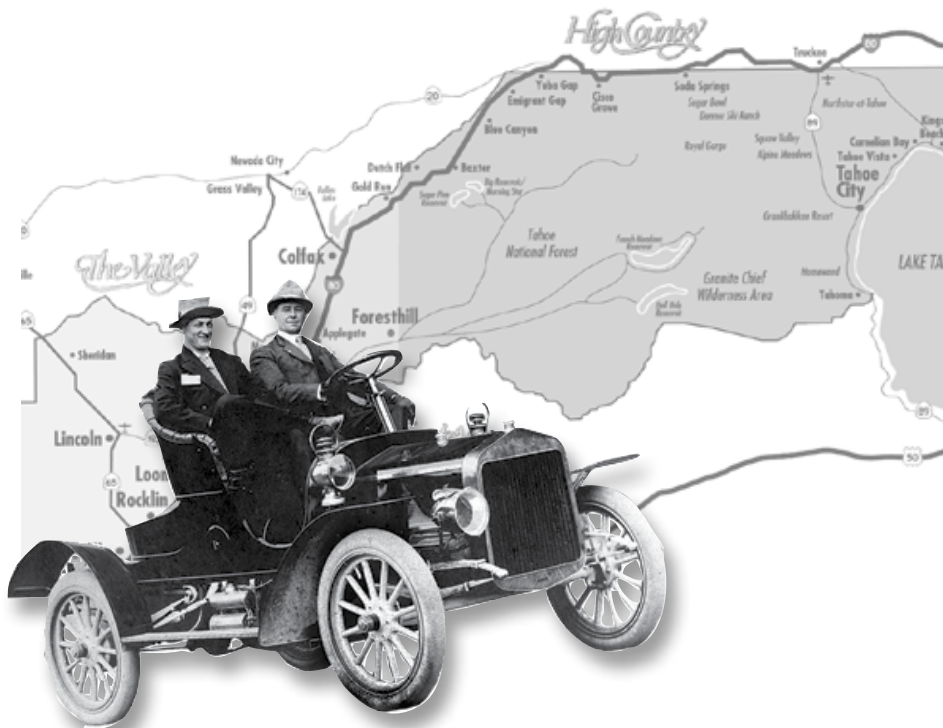
Placer County Museums Tour

## TRAIL GUIDE

**AUGUST 6&7, 2011**




**10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

**18 MUSEUMS - ROSEVILLE TO TAHOE!**



## WELCOME TRAIL TRAVELERS!

We are glad you decided to join us on the 2011 Heritage Trail Museums Tour. This year 18 museums from Roseville to Tahoe are committed to showcasing history in a fun and entertaining way. For many, this event has become a family tradition. Whether you are from Auburn, Reno, San Francisco, or Boston, you will enjoy this opportunity to take a trip back in time and get a better understanding of Placer County's rich and colorful history. Each museum on the tour is unique. Aside from immersing yourselves in history, you will enjoy the variety of settings at each museum. The ones located in the mountains are especially beautiful.

Many of the museums will offer food and beverages including cookies, hand churned ice cream, biscuits, root beer floats, lemonade and water. Most museums have restroom facilities available. Look for the symbols , , &  in the museums description.

The museums are grouped in three clusters and are easy to reach from Interstate 80. Five Valley Museums are located in South Placer. Six Auburn Museums are located within one mile of the Historic Courthouse. Seven Mountain Museums are located in the Sierra Nevada and the north shore of Lake Tahoe. We encourage you to visit several museums during the two day event. This Trail Guide will help you find your way and we invite you back to visit those museums that you missed any time during the year.

Thanks again for joining us. We hope you have a great time!

Melanie Barton

Placer County Museums Administrator  
Chairperson, The Heritage Trail

## TRAIL TIPS

### THE FOLLOWING TRAIL TIPS WILL HELP YOU PLAN YOUR DAY.

- For the most up to date information on The Heritage Trail, visit our blog at **[theheritagetrail.blogspot.com](http://theheritagetrail.blogspot.com)**.
- You can begin at any of the 18 participating museums which are identified by red, white and blue trail signs and banners.
- All directions are from Interstate 80 going west to east. Maps are included.
- For questions during the event, call any museum. A phone number is listed for each.
- Eating, drinking and smoking are not permitted in the museums.
- Leave pets at home.
- You'll want to bring your camera. Inquire at each museum for flash photography guidelines.
- Be sure to pick up your FREE Get Up & Go card at the first museum you visit.

Enjoy the Trail!

# MUSEUMS

## VALLEY MUSEUMS

1. Maidu Museum & Historic Site
2. Roseville Historical Society Carnegie Museum
3. Roseville Telephone Museum
4. Rocklin History Museum
5. Griffith Quarry Museum

## AUBURN MUSEUMS

6. Placer County Museum
7. Gold Country Medical History Museum
8. Auburn Joss House Museum
9. Bernhard Museum Complex
10. Gold Country Museum
11. The Benton Welty Schoolroom

## MOUNTAIN MUSEUMS

12. Forest Hill Divide Museum
13. Colfax Area Heritage Museum
14. Golden Drift Museum
15. Donner Summit Historical Society Museum
16. Western SkiSport Museum
17. Watson Cabin
18. Gatekeeper's Museum

# GRAND PRIZE DRAWING

Be sure to pick up a FREE Get Up & Go card at the first museum you visit. After getting your card stamped at four different museums, you will be eligible to enter a grand prize drawing for one of three gift baskets.

## 1 MAIDU MUSEUM & HISTORIC SITE

1970 Johnson Ranch Drive, Roseville   
916-774-5934 • [www.roseville.ca.us/indianmuseum](http://www.roseville.ca.us/indianmuseum)

Nestled amidst a natural area and ancient village site, the center features an Indian Museum and Native American Art Gallery. Explore the Maidu Culture at this extraordinary Museum.

### Saturday and Sunday:

Guided tours of museum and nature trail 10:00 & 1:00  
DVD presentation of "Dancing with the Bear-Lilly Baker and the Maidu Legacy" 10:00-4:00

Ancient Ways demonstration table 10:00-4:00

Self guided tours all day

**Directions:** I-80 to Douglas East. East on Douglas to Rocky Ridge. Turn right (south) on Rocky Ridge Dr. Watch for Johnson Ranch Drive sign. Turn left onto Johnson Ranch Drive. The Activity Center will be on your right. Follow signs for parking. (You cannot reach us by driving into Maidu Regional Park. We are along the road that circles the park.)

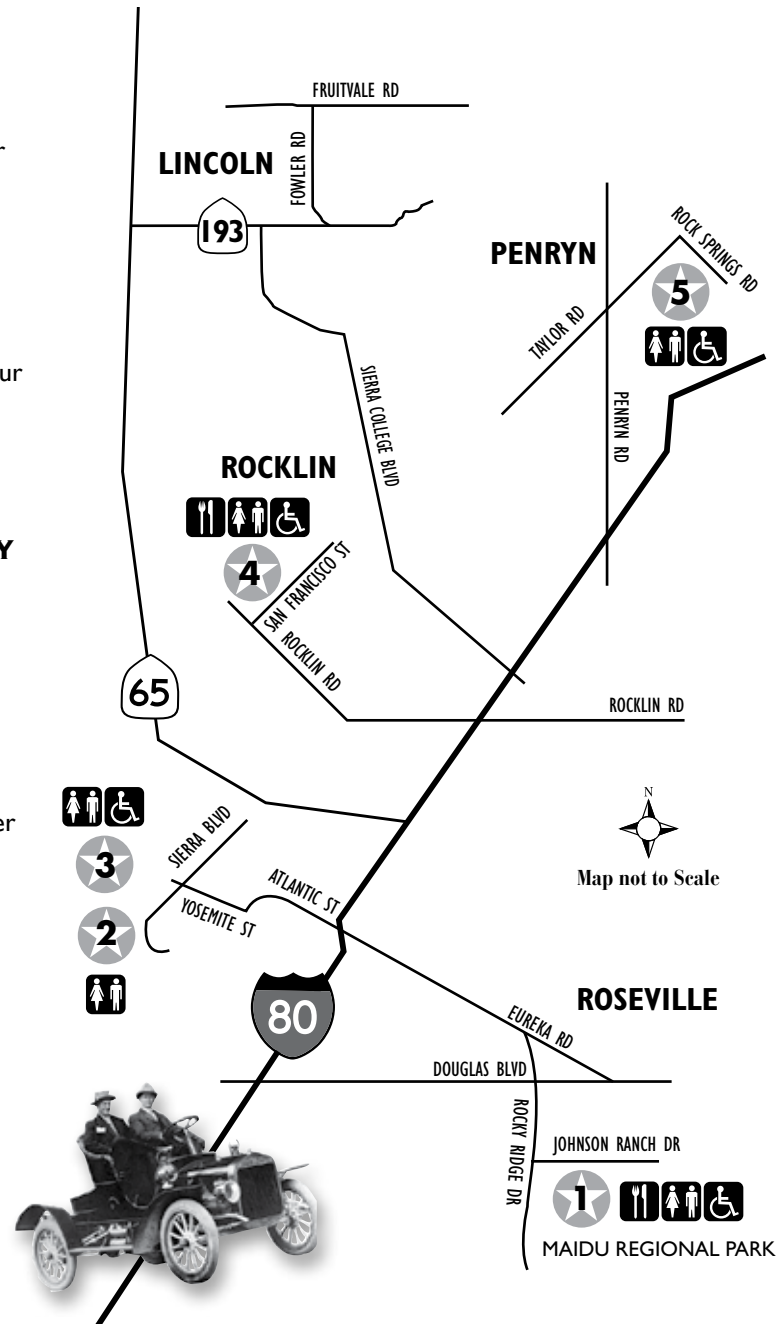
## 2 ROSEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY CARNEGIE MUSEUM

557 Lincoln Street, Roseville • 916-773-3003   
[www.rosevillehistorical.org](http://www.rosevillehistorical.org)

Come get a taste of history from the home town of the SP Railroad. The Carnegie Museum is home to the Roseville Historical Society and the Roseville Genealogical Society. "Images of America" in Roseville from Arcadia Publishing will be available along with other local books for purchase. Check out trains, planes, a horse drawn surrey, and lots more!

**Directions:** Take Atlantic St. Exit West. Turn right on Yosemite St. Left at Sierra Blvd stop sign. Go over the Sierra Vista Bridge (crooked bridge); the Carnegie Museum will be on the right. Park on the street or in lot by the Moose Lodge.

# VALLEY MUSEUMS



## 3 ROSEVILLE TELEPHONE MUSEUM

106 Vernon Street, Roseville • 916-786-1621   
[www.rosevilletelephonemuseum.org](http://www.rosevilletelephonemuseum.org)

From magnetos to Mickey Mouse and everything in between, come absorb a little bit of telephone history. Presented by SureWest, this is among the most extensive collections of antique telephones and memorabilia in the nation. It's fun, exciting and educational.

**Directions:** From eastbound I-80, take Atlantic St.-Eureka Rd. exit. Go west on Atlantic, stay straight to go onto Vernon St. End at 106 Vernon St. The museum will be on your right.

## 4 ROCKLIN HISTORY MUSEUM

3895 Rocklin Road, Rocklin   
916-415-0153 • [www.rocklinhistory.org](http://www.rocklinhistory.org)

Explore Rocklin's history of rock, rails and ranches. See tools and images from when Rocklin was the "Granite Capitol of the West." View our "Gold, Granite and Grit" video to see Joel Parker Whitney's 27,000 acre Spring Valley Ranch or view a granite work demonstration video featuring Roy Ruhkala. Learn about the Central Pacific Roundhouse.

**Saturday and Sunday:** Granite splitting demonstration by Roy Ruhkala 10:00 a.m.

**Directions:** From I-80, take the Rocklin Rd. exit. Turn west on Rocklin Rd. The museum is one quarter mile at intersection of Rocklin Rd and San Francisco St., across from the City Hall.

## 5 GRIFFITH QUARRY MUSEUM




Taylor and Rock Springs Roads, Penryn   
916-663-1837 • [www.placer.ca.gov/museum](http://www.placer.ca.gov/museum)

Step back in time, literally, at the beautiful 23 acre Griffith Quarry Park and Museum this weekend! Come see our exhibits highlighting the early history of the granite industry in Placer County and a 1908 era Horse-Drawn wagon.

**Saturday and Sunday:** Walking tours 11:00

**Directions:** From I-80 eastbound take the Penryn exit, turn left on Penryn Rd. then right on Taylor (approx 1/2 mile). Follow Taylor Rd. to top of hill, then right on Rock Springs. Entrance to Quarry immediate right.

## 6 PLACER COUNTY MUSEUM

101 Maple Street • 530-889-6507   

[theheritagetrail.blogspot.com](http://theheritagetrail.blogspot.com)

History will surround you as you step inside the Historic Courthouse in Auburn. The Placer County Museum located inside has much to share from the Pate Collection of Indian baskets to the Placer County Gold Display. Meet Alma Bell inside the Women's Jail (incarcerated for killing her boyfriend), visit Sheriff Elmer Gumm's office and make a personalized "wanted" poster. The Carousel exhibit, "A Leap of Imagination" is on display in the Treasury.

**Saturday and Sunday:** Rootbeer Floats from Latitudes will be served outside 12:00 - 4:00.

Author, Alton Pryor will be selling and signing books.

## 7 GOLD COUNTRY MEDICAL HISTORY MUSEUM

219-100 Maple Street • 530-887-1915 

[www.goldcountrymedicalmuseum.com](http://www.goldcountrymedicalmuseum.com)

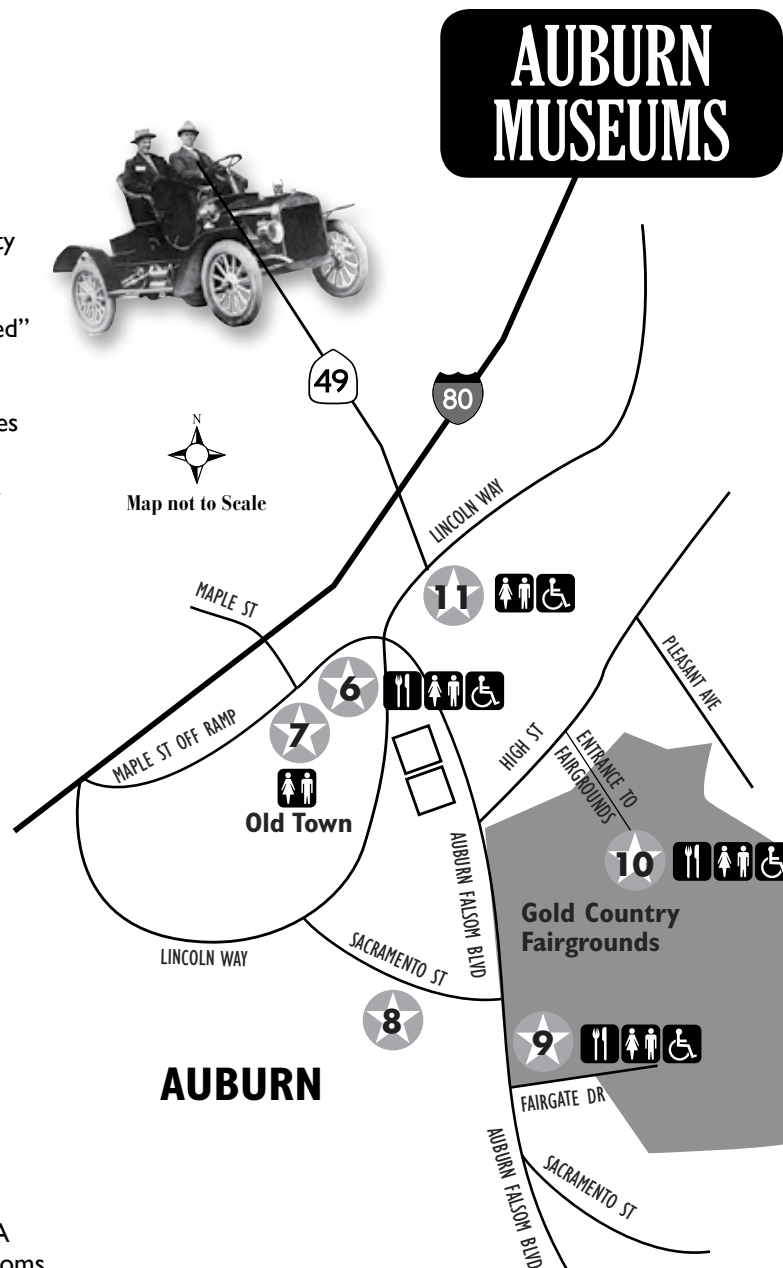
The restored Victorian housing the Museum was the first hospital in Placer County, est. in 1855 by a state grant to care for indigent miners. Medical, dental, and nursing related implements, equipment, furnishings, pharmaceuticals, ephemera, and local history are displayed. A favorite is the collection of 'quackery' gizmos and gadgets. Demonstrations of quackery periodically performed. Come and "get zapped." Ongoing M&M pills dispensed by Dr. Feelgood as needed to cure moods, pains, and grouchiness.

## 8 AUBURN JOSS HOUSE CHINESE MUSEUM

200 Sacramento Street • 530-401-4967

View circa 1880's Auburn's original Joss House Altar and artifacts from early Auburn Chinese community. A house museum with a Chinese school, kitchen, bedrooms, implements and literature inside an original Batten Board constructed (restored) building in the heart of Old Town Auburn's China Town. Tea will be served. Children will receive a coupon for Ice Cream at Edelweiss Restaurant.

# AUBURN MUSEUMS






## 9 BERNHARD MUSEUM

291 Auburn-Folsom Road   

530-888-6891 • [theheritagetrail.blogspot.com](http://theheritagetrail.blogspot.com)

At the Bernhard Complex fun is ripe for the picking! Become a farm hand and build a replica produce box, grind wheat and sample hot biscuits baked from a wood burning stove. Placer Grown will have fresh produce available to enjoy. The history of wine is alive and well at Bonitata Boutique Wines housed in Mr. Bernhard's original 1874 Winery. Tasting available. Enjoy sack races and 19th century games, eat ice cream and view the wagon collection from the Native Sons of the Golden West. The watercolor and quilt exhibit inside the winery is fun for all.



## 10 GOLD COUNTRY MUSEUM

1273 High Street • 530-887-0690   

[theheritagetrail.blogspot.com](http://theheritagetrail.blogspot.com)

Hold onto your hat, this museum is sure to be a hit! After panning for gold with the Mother Lode Goldhounds step inside our saloon to try your hand at a Gold Rush era card game. Try on period clothing to see what you might have looked like as an early settler. Bring your camera and capture all the fun. This museum is full of early mining artifacts and photographs. Relax with a glass of lemonade when all is said and done.

## 11 THE BENTON WELTY SCHOOL ROOM

1225 Lincoln Way • 530-217-9922  

Visitors will get a rare sense of "school days" in the early 1900's. The Benton Welty Schoolroom is packed with photos, student scrapbooks, maps, and old school books. Visitors can try their hand at string games and penmanship exercises. Free tickets will be issued for a "just-for-kids" gift basket. Ample parking behind building.

### GENERAL DIRECTIONS:

For all of the Auburn museums except the Benton Welty Schoolroom, take the Maple Street off-ramp from eastbound I-80. Follow the brochure map to locate museums. For the schoolroom, exit at Highway 49 and head south one block to City Hall. The museum is on the second floor of City Hall.

## 12 FOREST HILL DIVIDE MUSEUM



24601 Harrison Street, Foresthill 

530-367-2366 • [www.placer.ca.gov/museum](http://www.placer.ca.gov/museum)

Watch the blacksmiths crafting courting candles using period tools. Give gold panning a try in the outdoor "stream". Be sure to visit our fascinating gold rush and lumber history exhibits. There will be a fireman interpreting the first motorized fire engine used on the Divide. Bring your picnic and enjoy the park that surrounds the museum.

**Directions:** From eastbound I-80, take the Foresthill exit #121 in Auburn. Head east on the Foresthill Rd. to Foresthill (17 miles). Turn left at Gold Street and right on Harrison. The museum is on the left next to the historic chapel.

## 13 COLFAX AREA HERITAGE MUSEUM

99 Railroad Street, Colfax   

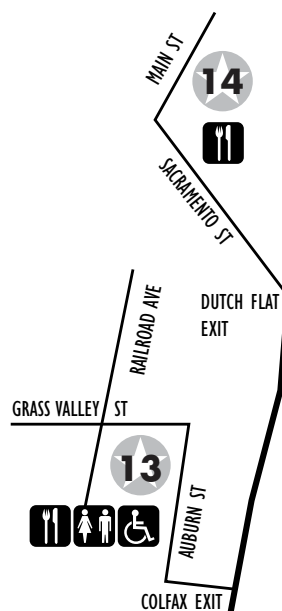
530-346-8599

This charming museum features exhibits on genealogy, the railroad and an 1848 era cemetery. Seasonal exhibits will be on display including, "The 4th of July" and "Indigenous People." Musical performances by the Begin Family and the Lyrical Locos can be enjoyed throughout the weekend.

**Directions:** From I-80 take Colfax exit #135. Go right until you cross over the freeway and come to the stop sign at Auburn Street. Turn right and go to next stop sign. South Auburn Street curves left onto Grass Valley Street. Turn left onto Railroad Street, just after the big Colfax Hotel. Do not cross the railroad track. Museum is in the Passenger Depot on Railroad St.

# MOUNTAIN MUSEUMS

## DUTCH FLAT



## COLFAX



## FORESTHILL

## AUBURN



## 14 GOLDEN DRIFT MUSEUM

32820 Main Street, Dutch Flat 

530-389-2126 • [www.placer.ca.gov/museum](http://www.placer.ca.gov/museum)

Visit the best preserved Gold Rush town in Placer County. This museum is dedicated to the history of Gold Run, Dutch Flat, Alta, Towle and Baxter. Displays include a photo gallery, Indian projectile points, fraternal organization memorabilia, Chinese Joss House artifacts, mini history and the building of the Central Pacific Railroad. Refreshments will be served.

**Saturday and Sunday:** Docent led half hour walking tour of historic Dutch Flat 11:00

**Directions:** From I-80 eastbound take Dutch Flat Exit, follow signs. Travel Ridge Road 1/3 mile and turn left onto Sacramento St. One mile down, in Dutch Flat, road turns sharply to right and becomes Main St. Museum is up two blocks on the right. Parking permitted along the road.

## 15 DONNER SUMMIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

21501 Donner Pass Road, Norden  

530-426-3376 • [www.donnersummithistoricalsociety.org](http://www.donnersummithistoricalsociety.org)

Our museum features the unique history of Donner Summit. Information is available about the Native Americans who crossed Donner Pass thousands of years ago leaving behind their petroglyphs and grinding rocks. Exhibits reveal the many "first events" that have occurred on Donner Summit including the first wagon train to California, the first Transcontinental Railroad, Transcontinental highway, Transcontinental telephone line, and Transcontinental air route. Information on the ski industry and tourism are also on display.

**Saturday & Sunday:** "How the ski industry started on Donner Summit" – ongoing talk led by Norm Saylor.

**Directions:** On Eastbound I-80, 55 miles east of Auburn, take exit 174 (Soda Springs/Norden) Drive approximately .6 miles to the intersection of Donner Pass Road & Soda Springs Rd. Look for flashing yellow light. The Museum is on the right, next to the historic Soda Springs Hotel, now Soda Springs Station.



## 16 WESTERN SKISPORT MUSEUM

I-80 Castle Peak Exit, Boreal Mt. Resort ♀♂ ♿  
530-426-3313 x113

Learn about Sierra Nevada winter sports dating from 1853 when gold miners on 14' "longboards" reached speeds of 80 mph. See "Snowshoe" Thompson's skis and mailbag. More than 20 featured exhibits from the WWII 10th Mountain Division to local ski champions. A special exhibition about the 1960 Winter Olympics at Squaw Valley will be showing. On-going showing of vintage ski movies including newly restored 1960 Squaw Valley Olympic footage.

**Directions:** 2 miles east of Soda Spring, exit I-80 at the Castle Peak exit, turn right into the Boreal Mt. Resort parking lot; look for the Snowshoe Thompson monument next to the museum.

## 17 GATEKEEPERS'S MUSEUM

130 West Lake Boulevard, Tahoe City ♀♂ ♿  
530-583-1762 • [www.northtahoemuseums.org](http://www.northtahoemuseums.org)

The Gatekeeper's Museum, featuring the Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Collection, is a reconstruction of the original Gatekeeper's cabin. The Gatekeeper controls the flow of water out of Lake Tahoe into the Truckee River (today's Gatekeeper lives in a house elsewhere). Today, the museum showcases Tahoe history from the original Washo inhabitants through the logging era and establishment of the tourism industry in Tahoe Basin.

The Steinbach Indian Basket Collection displays a breathtaking collection of over 800 vintage and contemporary Native American baskets, jewelry, pottery, dolls and more from western North America.

**Saturday:** The Truckee Railroad Regulators are rumored to be planning a gunfight on the museum grounds, afternoon, August 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Directions:** Take I-80 east towards Reno. Then take the highway 89 exit-south towards Squaw Valley and Lake Tahoe. As you approach Tahoe City, veer right onto West Lake Blvd (Highway 89). Cross "Fanny Bridge" over the Truckee River and the museum is the first left turn.

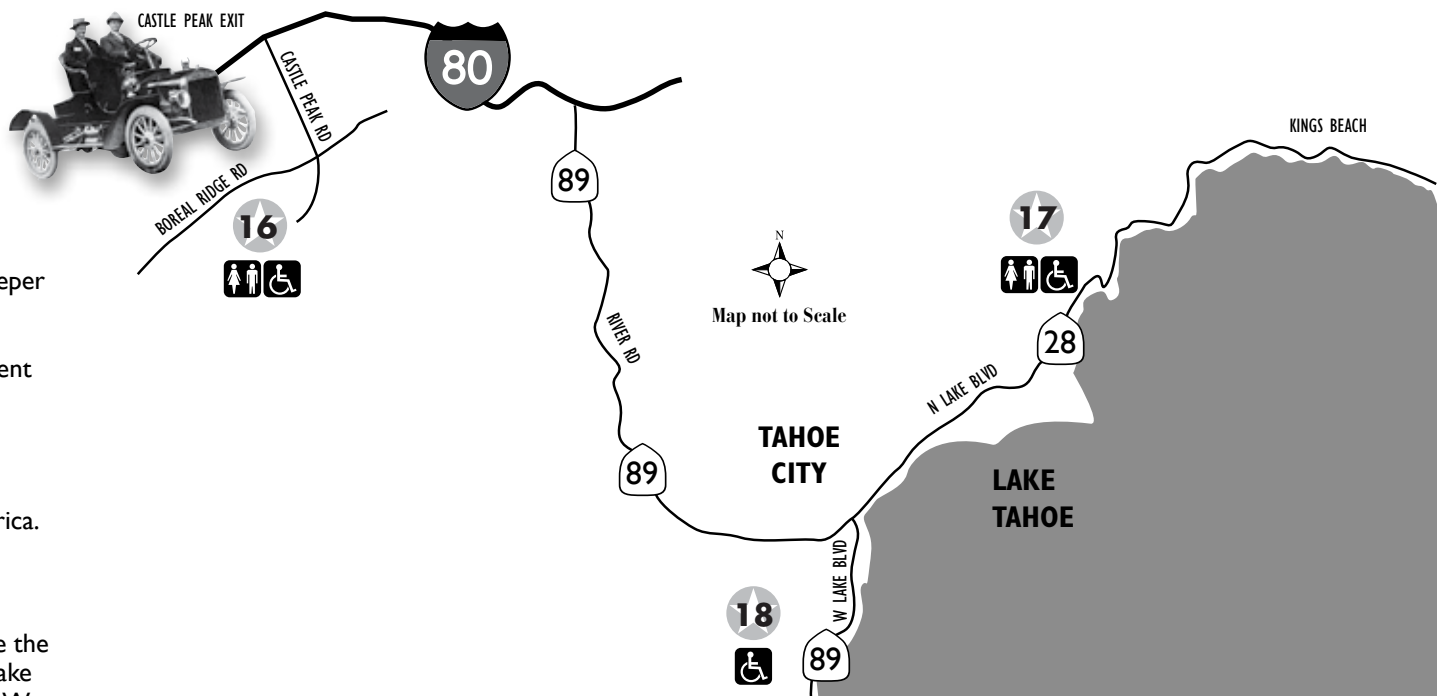
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## 18 WATSON CABIN

560 North Lake Boulevard, Tahoe City ♿  
560-583-8717 • [www.northtahoemuseums.org](http://www.northtahoemuseums.org)

Built in 1909 by Robert Montgomery Watson as a wedding present for his son, the Watson Cabin is the oldest building constructed on-site in Tahoe City and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The cabin is set up as a typical Tahoe pioneer family dwelling from that era with many artifacts from the Watson family. Docent tours are available on site at the Watson Cabin.

**Directions:** Take I-80 east towards Reno. Then take Highway 89 exit-south towards Squaw Valley and Lake Tahoe. As you approach Tahoe City go straight through the stoplight onto Highway 28 (a.k.a. North Lake Blvd). Watson Cabin is on the right, in the middle of town, above Commons Beach.



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- This is a self guided tour and your participation is voluntary. Please do not hold the Tour Committee, presenters or museum partners responsible for any injury to you, your family, or property.
- You and your family may be photographed during the event and these photos are the property of the Placer County Museums Division.

# BUS SCHEDULE

## DISCOVER THE MOUNTAINS SATURDAY BUS TRIP • \$10.00

Gold Country Fairgrounds

**Depart:** 8:45

SkiSport Museum

**Arrive:** 10:00

**Depart:** 10:45

Golden Drift Museum

### LUNCH STOP

**Arrive:** 11:30

**Depart:** 1:00

Colfax Area Heritage Museum

**Arrive:** 1:30

**Depart:** 2:15

Forest Hill Divide Museum

**Arrive:** 3:00

**Depart:** 3:45

Gold Country Fairgrounds

**Arrive:** 4:30



## EXPLORE THE VALLEY SUNDAY BUS TRIP • \$10.00

Gold Country Fairgrounds

**Depart:** 9:30

Rocklin Historical Society Museum

**Arrive:** 10:00

**Depart:** 10:45

Maidu Museum & Historic Site

### LUNCH STOP

**Arrive:** 11:00

**Depart:** 12:30

Roseville Historical Society

Carnegie Museum

**Arrive:** 12:45

**Depart:** 1:30

Roseville Telephone Museum

**Arrive:** 1:45

**Depart:** 2:40

Griffith Quarry Park & Museum

**Arrive:** 3:05

**Depart:** 4:00

Gold Country Fairgrounds

**Arrive:** 4:15

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